

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5-12 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to further define the "L-shape" structure recited in claim 1. Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in the specification at least at, for example, Fig. 3. No new matter is added.

Entry of the amendments is proper under 37 CFR §1.116 because the amendments:

(a) place the application in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein and during the interview; (b) do not raise any new issue requiring further search and/or consideration as the amendments amplify issues previously discussed throughout prosecution regarding the L-shape structure recited in claim 1; and (c) place the application in better form for appeal, should an appeal be necessary. The amendments are necessary and were not earlier presented because they are made in response to arguments raised during the interview. Entry of the amendments is thus respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1 and 5-12 are respectfully requested.

Interview

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Cheung and Yu in the November 18, 2010 interview. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

35 U.S.C. §103(a) Rejections

Claims 1 And 12

Claims 1 and 12 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over Saito (JP 2003-222992) in view of Fosnight (U.S. Patent No. 6,216,873). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Amended claim 1 recites, among other features, that the L-shape is formed by two edges that are spaced apart from one another forming a gap between the two edges. As agreed during the interview, the combination of Saito and Fosnight would not have rendered obvious at least this feature of claim 1.

The Patent Office admits that Saito does not describe that each of the lower support parts and each of the upper support parts includes a pair of support portions having an L-shape in contact with the pair of edges of the substrate and a space at a middle portion of the L-shape not being in contact with the substrate. The Patent Office relies upon Fosnight as allegedly describing the recited L-shape. However, as agreed during the interview, Fosnight also does not describe that the L-shape is formed by two edges that are spaced apart from one another to form a gap between the two edges.

Fosnight describes that the top of each post 126 includes a beveled concavity 128 (allegedly similar to the lower support parts recited in claim 1) that includes a pair of sidewalls 129 and 130 that are sloped inward. See col. 7, lines 59-65 of Fosnight. However, the pair of sidewalls 129 and 130 of Fosnight are not spaced apart from one another and there is no gap between sidewalls 129 and 130. Thus, Fosnight does not remedy the deficiencies of Saito.

For at least the above reasons, the combination of Saito and Fosnight would not have rendered obvious claim 1.

Claim 12 is a dependent claim. For at least its dependency, and for the additional features recited, the combination of Saito and Fosnight also would not have rendered obvious claim 12.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Other Rejections

The following were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious:

(1) claim 5 over Saito in view of Fosnight and further in view of Tokushima (JP 10-010705);
(2) claims 6 and 7 over Saito in view of Fosnight and further in view of Kosugi (U.S. Patent No. 4,776,462);
(3) claim 8 over Saito in view of Fosnight and further in view of Scherb (U.S. Patent No. 5,259,523);
(4) claim 9 over Saito in view of Fosnight and further in view of Scherb and Yamauchi (U.S. Patent No. 5,353,934);
(5) claim 10 over Saito in view of Fosnight and further in view of Freed (U.S. Patent No. 3,615,006); and
(6) claim 11 over Saito in view of Fosnight and further in view of Freed and Yamauchi.

None of Tokushima, Kosugi, Scherb, Freed and Yamauchi remedy the deficiencies of Saito and Fosnight discussed above. That is, none of Tokushima, Kosugi, Scherb, Freed and Yamauchi describe, or provide any reason or rationale for one of ordinary skill in the art to have come to, the L-shape being formed by two edges that are spaced apart from one another to form a gap between the two edges. Thus, the above combination of references cited in rejections (1)-(6) above would not have rendered obvious claim 1.

Claims 5-11 are dependent claims. For at least their respective dependency, and for the additional features recited, the above combinations of Saito, Fosnight, Tokushima, Kosugi, Scherb, Freed and Yamauchi in rejections (1)-(6) above would not have rendered obvious claims 5-11.

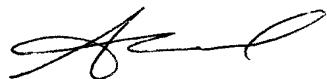
Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Concluding Remarks

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 5-12 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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